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Ethics 9009

Ethics 9009 was introduced as a core course in 1986 to acquaint freshmen veterinary students with ethics issues arising in veterinary medicine clinical practice. It is presented in the format of Ethical Grand Rounds, a technique designed to mimic the medical and surgical discussions students will encounter later.

The course exposes students to the conflicts encountered by practitioners. "The six-week course consists of the weekly presentation of a problem, discussion by groups of students and faculty moderators, and a summarization of the viewpoints from the six discussion groups and the clinician pre-senter," says Dr. Sheldon Steinberg, one of the course organizers. "The problems presented have ranged from the question 'Should research animals be used to train veterinary students' to 'Treatment of the terminal cancer patient: how much, how far, and how often.'

"We deliberately offer this course early in the students' veterinary training. They can zero in on the ethical issues unharmed by medical facts. Of course, they are given pertinent medical information within the context of the problem. We want them to be aware that veterinary medical practice requires judgement and that the issues discussed in the course are just the beginning of a career-long concern."

The course has been very well received and a number of practitioners have presented cases. We

would like to thank the following: Fred Rude, V.M.D., Susan McDonough, V.M.D., Nadine Oakley, V.M.D., John Simms, V.M.D., H. Steven Steinberg, V.M.D., Jerry N. Northington, D.V.M., William Dorsey, V.M.D., Midge Leitch, V.M.D., Carol Ann Gray, V.M.D., George Olaszberg, V.M.D., Jerry D. Framer, V.M.D., Ralph Werner, V.M.D.

Faculty presenters included: William Moyer, D.V.M., Joan Hendricks, V.M.D., Ph.D., Colin Harvey, M.R.C.V.S. Former faculty presenters were: Steven Schiffer, D.V.M., David Kronfeld, Ph.D., M.R.C.V.S., Stuart Helfand, D.V.M., Paul Laugner, V.M.D., Mark Cofone, V.M.D., and Geraldine N. Kauffman, D.V.M. Our moderators were Drs. Alan Beck, Colin Harvey, Robert Orsher, Joan Hendricks, William Moyer, Meryl Littman, Dean Richardson, Joan O'Brien, David Nunemaker, W. Harker Rhodes, Benson Martin, Gail Smith, Robert Washabau, Donald Abi, and Sheldon Steinberg.

"I would like to thank them all," says Dr. Steinberg. "And I am hoping that more practitioners and faculty will come forward and volunteer to make case presentations and act as moderators. All it takes is a note or a call to me. Only if we have a broad practitioner participation can we expose the students to a wide range of ethical dilemmas encountered by practicing veterinarians. I do hope to hear from alumni willing to contribute to this course."

Scholarships

The Pennsylvania Veterinary Foundation awarded the Dr. Samuel Scheidt Memorial Scholarship to Jennifer Katarz and the Dr. Samuel B. Guss Memorial Scholarship to Gregory Erdman. Steven Milham and Lawrence Rebbeck are the recipients of the Richard Dorr Scholarships. Michael Mihlfried has received the 1990 Pfizer Veterinary Scholarship Award. The Lloyd's Underwriters, Lloyd's Brokers and Kentucky Agents Joint Equine Research and Education Program Committee Scholarship was presented to Amy L. Grice.

The Lancaster Kennel Club has awarded scholarships to Michael R. Moyer and Kathleen DeGraw. William Rives is the recipient of a scholarship given by the Burlington County Kennel Club. Hill's Pet Products awarded scholarships to Laureen Smith, Donald Neiffer, March Moccetta, and Nicole Pirkey. The Plainfield Kennel Club has awarded scholarships to Mary Lou Cicone and Janet Jones.

In 1989 a dean's scholars program was established through the generosity of several donors. These scholarships are awarded to students who have distinguished themselves through outstanding scholarship and good citizenship within the School. In order to remain eligible for these awards, students must maintain a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better.

The first recipient of the Charles S. and Phyllis F. Wolf Dean's Scholarship is Howard N. Krum, Class of 1992. Recipients of the Anne Linn White Dean's Scholarship are Kenneth E. Turner, Class of 1992, Jennifer Ambros, Class of 1991, and Lauren Katarz, Class of 1990, Barbara Vell, Class of 1991, and Kathleen DeGraw, Class of 1990, are the recipients of The Bruce J. Heim Dean's Scholarship. The Palace H. Seitz Dean's Scholarship was awarded to Randy Siler, Class of 1993.

Judith Palen was chosen to be a New York Farmers Scholar.



Katrina Jackson receives the Westminster Kennel Foundation Scholarship at the Westminster K.C. dog show at Madison Square Garden from Mr. William Christman.



Representatives from the Upjohn Company present the Student Chapter of the AVMA with a contribution of \$1,000. Shown here are (standing) Charles Jones, Dean Edwin J. Andrews, Chris Cochran, Scott Perkins, vice president, SCAVMA, and (seated) Philip Colley and John McCarty, vice president, SCAVMA.

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